

Speed Limit Amendment - Bloor Street West - St. Clement Catholic School

Date: June 26, 2024

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 2 - Etobicoke-Centre

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Bloor Street West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services has reviewed the need to replace the existing School Speed Zone (40 km/h speed limit when flashing) on Bloor Street West in the area of St. Clement Catholic School, with a 40 km/h speed limit that is in effect at all times. Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) legislation does not allow ASE to be conducted within School Speed Zones that are 40 km/h when flashing. Amending the speed limit from a School Speed Zone to a 40 km/h speed limit at all times will allow for ASE to be conducted on Bloor Street West in the area of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing School Speed Zone designation on Bloor Street West, between a point approximately 85 metres west of Mill Road and a point approximately 150 metres east of Forestview Road, in effect between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays and school professional activity days, September of one year through June of the next following year, inclusive.
2. City Council authorize a 40 km/h speed limit on Bloor Street West between, a point approximately 85 metres west of Mill Road and a point approximately 150 metres east of Forestview Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$4,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on June 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014, adopted Item EY33.21 entitled "School Speed Zone - 4319 Bloor Street West (St. Clement Catholic School)", designating a School Speed Zone on Bloor Street West, between a point approximately 85 metres west of Mill Road and a point approximately 150 metres east of Forestview Road, to be in effect during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, during the school year only, and not on Statutory Holidays or Professional Activity days.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2014.EY33.21>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor requesting automated speed enforcement on Bloor Street West, in the area of St. Clement Catholic School. Currently, this section of Bloor Street West is not eligible for ASE as the speed limit signage is not static. The proposed amendment will require the decommissioning of the "40 km/h When Flashing" signage and the installation of static signage allowing for ASE.

Existing Conditions

Bloor Street West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 13.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 22,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on school days and 50 km/h at all other times
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the "49 Bloor West" bus route
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- Designated as a Community Safety Zone
- The adjacent land use in the area is residential (single and multi-unit dwellings)
- St. Clement Catholic School is located on the southwest corner of Bloor Street West and Forestview Road

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Changes

The proposed change from a School Speed Zone (40 km/h when flashing) to a permanent 40 km/h speed limit will allow for automated speed enforcement to be implemented on Bloor Street West in the area of St. Clement Catholic School. In addition, it will allow the Vision Zero section the ability to install school area signage consistent with other schools in the area.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Speed Limit Amendment - Bloor Street - St. Clement School

